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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TO BE GRANTED HONORARY DEGREE WHILE
IN U.S.

1. FORMER MINISTER OF CULTURE TRYPANIS TOLD DCM MARCH 23
THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING AN
HONORARY DOCTORATE TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS
DURING HIS TRIP TO U.S. IN MAY FOR NATO SUMMIT. UNIV OF
PENN PRESIDENT TOLD TRYPANIS THAT FACULTY COMMITTEE HAD
APPROVED GRANTING OF DEGREE BUT INSISTED THAT CARAMANLIS
PERSONALLY BE PRESENT FOR AWARD CEREMONY. TRYPANIS IS
DISCUSSING WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WHETHER BRIEF
VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. COMMENT: GRANTING OF HONORARY DEGREE BY PRESTIGIOUS
UNIVERSITY SUCH AS PENN WOULD SEEM TO BE VERY DESIRABLE
FROM POINT OF VIEW OF GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
TRYPANIS HIMSELF DEPARTS NEXT WEEK FOR SIX MONTHS OF
LECTURING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BE FOLLOWING UP ON THIS MATTER WHILE THERE. WE OF
COURSE WILL PASS ON ANYTHING ELSE WE LEARN FROM THIS
END.

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